



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Mobile Loaves & Fishes News

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## A Message from the Core Director

I was filled with great joy when I heard that Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta was going to be canonized on September 4, 2016. Whenever I hear a quote of hers, I feel she is speaking directly to me and to our ministry. Listen to some of her words of wisdom:

**“Let us not make a mistake – that the hunger is only for a piece of bread. The hunger of today is so much greater: for love – to be wanted, to be loved, to be cared for, to be somebody.”**



**Mother Teresa, May 1982**

I try to remember this when I am serving from the MLF truck. Make eye contact with our brothers and sisters, place a hand on their shoulder, or simply give them a smile and a warm hand shake. Many times our friends need these things from us as much as our food. Pray for them as you walk or drive away. Help them to feel God’s love through you. Try to live the words of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta!

**Julie Mellin** □

## Sigma Theta Tau Is the Clean Team



On Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, fifteen members of Trinity University’s [Sigma Theta Tau](#) sorority provided much needed volunteer work for our MLF ministry. These students were introduced to the “MLF story,” learned of its mission, and toured the MLF kitchen and truck. They assisted the Saturday noon delivery team in identifying clothing needs for its run to Shady Nook Mobile Home Park and Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church. The following tasks were accomplished:

- All kitchen refrigerators were cleaned inside and out (food removed and replaced);
- All kitchen cabinets were cleaned on MLF side;
- All plastic kitchen bins were washed and dried;
- Kitchen floor was washed;
- Cardboard was taken to recycle dumpster;
- Eight cases of juice were moved from pallet to cooler;
- All clothing bins were sorted to remove winter clothes;
- Warm winter clothes were sorted;
- Summer clothes bins were moved down, and winter clothes bins were moved to top shelf;
- Eight large bins of clothing from Rolling Hills clothes drive were sorted; and
- Bins were clearly marked with new labels as needed.

It was a pleasure to see the efforts of this hard working, motivated, self-directed team of students. They never stopped until all the assigned tasks were completed, and did not shy away from even the messiest kitchen clean-up chores. Trinity University can be very proud of the excellence with which these young women represented the school and their sorority.

**Gerry and Kathleen Caron** □

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## MLF Goes Triple Decker

A special "triple decker" feat was attempted and accomplished in March... serving 3 meals in one day!

Our Site Coordinator, Butch Rendon, is always brainstorming ways to increase the number of people we serve. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, we typically take 2 meals to Haven for Hope. Since the lunch and supper meals are delivered at the same time, the truck is usually idle at lunchtime. With the goal of providing more meals, we prepared our "second lunch" between the Haven for Hope preps.

Another planned objective is to reach out to the Eastside of San Antonio in order to serve in all parts of town. The opportunity to expand our ministry presented itself on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Our first triple decker day consisted of serving lunch at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. We served 75 meals to many grateful parishioners and neighbors of the parish.

Encouraged by this success, Butch Rendon came up with another triple decker serving idea! During Spring Break, when kids are out of school, their lunch meal may be unpredictable since many of them are provided lunch at school. With the help of Kim Pruitt, Butch set out to locate a spot to serve lunch... a second time each day.

We were able to partner with St. John Berchmans Catholic Church and School. With the help of several MLF drivers and LOTS of high school students, we served lunch 4 times there during Spring Break. We did this after our regular lunch runs were completed. Needless to say, our truck is a bit tired after a very active Spring Break.

Thank you to David & Pat Brown, Kim & Alex Pruitt and family, and Butch Rendon for each leading a team. A special shout out goes to Antonian Catholic High School, Clark High School, and Lutheran High School students for all the time and energy they gave to support this effort.

Julie Mellin □

## MLF Ministry Now Serves the GCC

The [Guadalupe Community Center \(GCC\)](#) is now receiving 100 bagged MLF meals each week. In association with **Catholic Charities** and the **S.A. Food Bank**, GCC offers emergency food, clothing, and rent support to the families in the neighborhood. Located across from Sidney Lanier High School, it provides wellness and nutrition programs, enrichment activities for youth, recreational and organized sports, legal assistance, and other social services. **GCC** sponsors **Project Hope** (food distribution for senior citizens) and assists homeless clients and migrant families. □

## A Quick Reminder...

- Empty trash/recycling after each meal prep
- Break down boxes before placing in recycle
- Assure that the freezer door is properly shut
- Drain ice from truck after supper runs
- Transport turkey & cheese sandwich trays on beds of ice
- Say a quick prayer before your delivery runs
- Report truck issues to Mike Villanueva via email at [mike1949v@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mike1949v@sbcglobal.net) .

## Contact Us

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## Upcoming Events

April 9 – 10 Second collection for MLF ministry  
April 10 Social Sunday sponsored by MLF  
May 7 Men's Club Casino Night

## MLF News Is YOUR Newsletter

Since MLF News is YOUR newsletter, we need your participation to assure that it develops into a vital communication channel for our ministry. News items, announcements, photographs, and suggestions can be emailed to John Deosdade, the MLF Webmaster and MLF News Editor, @ [deosdade@gmail.com](mailto:deosdade@gmail.com). Trying to find an older article? You can access the newsletter back files: [www.sfasat.org/MLF/mlfnews.htm](http://www.sfasat.org/MLF/mlfnews.htm).

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